

Sinclair
Broadcasting's plan
to force their
stations to air an
ideological and
politically biased
anti-Kerry
documentary, just
days before the
election, is a clear
example of where and
when the FCC should
exercise its
authority over
FCC-licensed media.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. This
includes a legal
obligation to give
equal airtime to all
major party
candidates. If
Sinclair is
permitted to proceed
with this activity,
it must be balanced
by a showing of an
equivalent
"pseudo-documentary"
such as "Going Up
River".

This is an urgent
and fundamental
issue and must be
addressed
immediately, not
after the damage is
done.

This action of
Sinclair's is a
clear example of the
dangers of media
consolidation and
shows why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them.

Thank you.